

March 15, 2007

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren and Williams attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Supt. Givens; GIS Analyst Andrews; Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Acting Fire Chief Reese; Officer Lemberg; and Attorney Funkhouser.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Williams moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Acting Fire Chief Reese stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Asst. St. Comm. Miller stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

GIS Analyst Andrews stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated he checked into disposing of their old computers by calling the Posey County Solid Waste Management District. He stated they gave him a phone number to call for a firm in Evansville that will charge \$12.00 to dispose of monitors that are larger than 15", and \$5.00 to dispose of fax machines.

Mayor Knowles and Board member Askren agreed that sounded fine to them.

Mayor Knowles then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Beloit reported half of the tasers are in and they are now waiting on training, which should occur March 22nd. He continued by stating the stop sticks are also in and they are being installed into the cars. He then added Officer Lemberg is present in case the Board has any questions on a grant they are pursuing in reference to a narcotics dog.

Mayor Knowles stated, to update the Board, between the last meeting and today, there was a deadline for a PCCF grant that the police department wanted to pursue to try and fund a narcotics dog. She added she contacted Board member Askren and Williams for permission to sign the \$11,000.00 grant application, and wondered if anyone had any further questions ? She added Officer Lemberg has been working on also getting some donations and he has received positive feedback.

Officer Lemberg approached the podium and stated he has run the numbers on drug arrests from 2003 to the present and between 2003 and 2005 there was a dramatic increase, 130%. He added many folks are coming to the department about all the drugs that are running through town, and the dog makes it much faster to arrest these folks. He stated the dog will cost around \$7,000.00 and the training is around \$4,000.00.

Board member Askren stated she is all for it.

Chief Beloit stated the police department has made drug arrests a priority.

Board member Williams asked when they will know if they got the grant ?

Officer Lemberg replied mid to late May, with the award being June 1.

Board member Williams stated McKims IGA will take care of feeding the dog, and added he is all for it.

Mayor Knowles then moved permission to apply for the \$11,000.00 PCCF grant for a narcotics dog be given. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is discussion of the claims for the March 29th meeting. She reminded the Board the due to Spring Break, she and Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe will not be present, therefore, there will be no meeting.

Board member Askren moved that she and Board member Williams come up to the office that week and sign the claims so as not to hold up payroll for the employees and payment to the city's suppliers. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked Supt. Givens if he had checked with Bookkeeper Bennett on the Triad payment ?

Supt. Givens replied Miss Bennett said she would look it up but he has not heard back from her yet.

Attorney Funkhouser stated he needs to know how much was paid and how much was billed.

Mayor Knowles added she is certain the city paid \$23,500.00 and that \$25,000.00 was billed.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?
There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

Supt. Givens stated he has ordered some spare parts for the primary tanks, costing between \$1,000.00 and \$1,500.00.

Board member Williams added that was a good idea as if you have spare parts on hand, you won't have to pay such a premium for them when you need them. He then stated that Supt. Givens should get what he needs.

Mayor Knowles then stated the Wessler bills are to be paid from SRF so Supt. Givens needs to get with Miss Bennett to see if they can't get that process started. She then if there was no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Williams moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer